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Agendas

(Tentative)

Sixteenth Biennial

Silver Haired Legislative Session

August 20, 2008

SHLS Chairs, Co-Chairs, Volunteers Briefing **10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**
Arkansas State Capitol
Committee Room 151

Depart Wyndham Riverfront Hotel **11:30 a.m.**
Delegates Travel to the Arkansas State Capitol

Luncheon **12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
Capitol Rotunda

Committee Meetings **1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Arkansas State Capitol
Committee Room 149 A – Legal/Revenue and Tax
Committee Room 138 B – Aging Services
Committee Room 130 C – Long Term Care
Committee Room 151 D – Senior Centers

Depart Arkansas State Capitol **3:45 p.m.**
Delegates Travel to the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel

Depart Wyndham Riverfront Hotel **4:50 p.m.**
Delegates Travel to the Governor's Mansion

Reception **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
Governor's Mansion

Depart Governor's Mansion **7:00 p.m.**
Delegates Travel to the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel

August 21, 2008

Breakfast Wyndham Riverfront Hotel (Ballroom)	6:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Depart Wyndham Riverfront Hotel Delegates Travel to the Arkansas State Capitol	8:00 a.m.
Convene Session House of Representatives Chamber <i>Presiding: Mr. Benny C. Petrus, Speaker of the House</i> <i>Mr. Tim Massanelli, Parliamentarian</i>	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Invocation – <i>Ms. Loretta Echols, Jonesboro</i>	
Presentation of Colors – <i>Little Rock AFB Honor Guard</i>	
National Anthem & Pledge of Allegiance – <i>Mr. Lewis Hinkle, Pine Bluff</i>	
Welcoming Remarks <i>Governor Mike Beebe, State of Arkansas</i> <i>Mr. John Selig, Director, Arkansas Department of Human Services</i> <i>Mr. Herb Sanderson, Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services</i> <i>Mr. Ed Haas, President, Arkansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging</i>	
Reading of the Bills & Resolutions <i>Mr. Buddy Johnson, House Coordinator of Legislative Services</i>	
Break	9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Consideration of Proposed Bills	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Luncheon Capitol Rotunda	12:00 p.m. 1:15 p.m.
Consideration of Proposed Bills	1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Resolution <i>Ms. Vivian Wright, Nashville</i>	3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Motion to Adjournment (Sine Die) <i>Ms. Harriet Raley, Searcy</i>	
Depart Arkansas State Capitol Delegates Travel to the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel	3:30 p.m.

Committee A – Legal/Revenue and Tax
Room 149
August 20, 2008

Ms. Loretta Echols, Chair
Mr. Wetzel C. LaGrone, Co-Chair

I. Call to Order

II. Consideration of Proposed Bills

BILL NO. 01

BILL TO EXEMPT ARKANSANS AGE 72 AND OLDER WITH AN INCOME OF \$30,000 OR LESS FROM PAYMENT OF STATE INCOME TAX

BILL NO. 09

BILL TO REVISE THE INTRASTATE FUNDING FORMULA TO STABILIZE FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS TO THE AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

BILL NO. 10

BILL TO GIVE MORE POWER TO ENFORCE EXISITING CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS

BILL NO. 11

BILL TO ALLOW FOR A TAX CREDIT FOR GASOLINE ON INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX FOR PERSONS 65 AND OVER

BILL NO. 14

BILL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR DENTAL, HEARING, AND EYE CARE SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS WHO ARE RECIPIENTS OF MEDICARE AND MEDICAID AND WHO ARE BELOW 150% OF THE POVERTY LEVEL

RESOLUTION NO. 01

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MEDICAID SERVICE RATE AS PROPOSED TO THE 2009 ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

III. Adjourn

Committee B – Aging Services
Room 138
August 20, 2008

Mr. Jack Harris, Chair
Mr. Troy Creamer, Co-Chair

I. Call to Order

II. Consideration of Proposed Bills

BILL NO. 02

BILL TO OBTAIN STATE FUNDING FOR THE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM
AND INCREASED STAFFING

BILL NO. 05

BILL TO INCREASE STATE AGING FUNDING TO THE AREA AGENCIES
ON AGING BY \$1.8 MILLION EACH YEAR AND TO PROVIDE FOR
ANNUAL INFLATION ADJUSTMENT ON ALL STATE AGENCY
SERVICES FUNDING

BILL NO. 06

BILL TO PROVIDE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS IN
ARKANSAS

BILL NO. 13

BILL TO CREATE A “SILVER ALERT” SYSTEM

BILL NO. 15

BILL TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

RESOLUTION NO. 04

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STATEWIDE FUNDING TO
EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE WEATHERIZATION
AND/OR UTILITY ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED POPULATION

III. Adjourn

Committee C – Long Term Care
Room 130
August 20, 2008

Mr. A. J. Henry, Jr., Chair
Mr. B. T. “Ted” Ford, Co-Chair

I. Call to Order

II. Consideration of Proposed Bills

BILL NO. 04

BILL TO INCREASE THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR IN-HOME SERVICE UNITS

BILL NO. 12

BILL TO INCREASE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR HOME CARE, TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT, ADULT DAY CARE, AND HOME DELIVERED MEALS

BILL NO. 18

BILL TO INCREASE THE UNIT RATE PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAID IN-HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED LONG TERM CARE SERVICES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BILL NO. 19

BILL TO INCREASE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PERSONAL CARE, HOMEMAKER, ADULT COMPANION, AND IN-HOME RESPITE TO \$16.76 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO. 02

RESOLUTION REGARDING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT TO PROVIDERS OF IN-HOME PERSONAL CARE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS OF ARKANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 05

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE MEDICAID PERSONAL CARE AND ELDER CHOICE REIMBURSEMENT TO LICENSED PROVIDERS TO BE ABLE TO PAY HOME HEALTH AIDES HIGHER WAGES, BENEFITS, AND GAS REIMBURSEMENTS SO AS TO RETAIN A MORE STABLE WORKFORCE SO THAT OLDER INDIVIDUALS CAN STAY IN THEIR HOMES

III. Adjourn

Committee D – Senior Centers
Room 151
August 20, 2008

Mr. Cecil Malone, Chair
Mr. Gerald Andrews, Co-Chair

I. Call to Order

II. Consideration of Proposed Bills

BILL NO. 03

BILL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTERS

BILL NO. 07

BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$10 MILLION TO ADDRESS THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM OF SENIOR CITIZENS, ESPECIALLY INCLUDING THOSE IN RURAL AREAS WHO NEED TRANSPORTATION TO RECEIVE NEEDED SERVICES

BILL NO. 08

BILL TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR SENIOR ADULT CARE

BILL NO. 16

BILL TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR ARKANSAS SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BILL NO. 17

BILL TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 03

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITY CENTERS TO COVER THE INCREASED COST OF GASOLINE, FOOD, AND WAGES

III. Adjourn

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Committees

Chair Assignments

Committee	Room	Chair/Co-Chair
A – Legal/Revenue and Tax	149	Loretta Echols, Chair Wetzel C. LaGrone, Co-Chair
B – Aging Services	138	Jack Harris, Chair Troy Creamer, Co-Chair
C – Long Term Care	130	A. J. Henry, Jr., Chair B. T. “Ted” Ford, Co-Chair
D – Senior Centers	151	Cecil Malone, Chair Gerald Andrews, Co-Chair

Instructions for Chairs and Co-Chairs

Every committee has been assigned a Chair and Co-Chair. Each will share responsibility for presiding over the committee meeting. The Chair will preside over the first half of the meeting (1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.) and the Co-Chair will preside over the second half of the meeting (2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.).

The first task is for the Chair/Co-Chair to call the committee to order and introduce themselves. Delegates and staff assistants should then introduce themselves. Lastly, expert witnesses should be introduced.

Consideration of the Bills and Resolutions

Before starting deliberations on the bills and resolutions, ensure that the primary sponsor is present. Each piece of legislation, in the order on the agenda, should then be discussed. An exception would be if there is more than one piece of legislation on the same subject, with similar content. In this case, the content of each can be compared. The primary sponsor should be asked to speak in support of the bill. The Chair/Co-Chair should ask if there is anyone who wishes to speak in opposition.

The Chair/Co-Chair should then ask if amendments are recommended. A vote on the bill or amendments occurs with the Chair/Co-Chair saying, “*all in favor say aye,*” then “*all against say no.*” The vote should then be announced. If there is any dispute over the vote, a show of hands may be requested. A simple majority of the delegates in the room will pass a bill or amendment.

Amending a Bill or Resolution

The amendments to a bill must be voted on before the whole bill can be considered. Minute editing of the bill is not necessary. Staff assistants will make changes (amendments to the bills) on the Bill Amendment Form using laptop computers projected on a screen. Several changes may be considered to be one amendment.

The committee should then vote on the amendment(s). If the amendment receives a favorable vote and the bill is given a “do pass as amended,” copies will be made of the amendment for review during the Silver Haired Legislative Session. If the amendments do not pass, it will be noted, but not copied for consideration.

Required Recommendations on Bills or Resolution

Each bill and resolution should have one of the following recommendations:

- Do pass
- Do not pass
- Do pass as amended

The recommendations should be indicated on the Committee Report Form. This document will be provided during the briefing on the morning of August 21st. Show the bill or resolution to be “Withdrawn” only if the bill sponsor says that he or she intends to do so during the committee meeting. A committee cannot recommend that a bill be withdrawn by voting to do so.

The Committee Report

Staff assistants will complete the Committee Report Form. These reports will be read at the beginning of the morning session on August 21st.

Instructions for Delegates

Delegates and alternates may choose to attend any committee meeting. During the meeting, delegates should sit at the table and alternates should sit in observer seats. Microphones should be used when speaking. To activate the microphone, push the large middle button and the light will come on, indicating that the microphone is working.

The Chair/Co-Chair will recognize individuals before speaking. They should be addressed as “Mr. Chairperson” or “Madam Chairperson.” Alternates may speak in committees if recognized by the Chairperson, but delegates will have priority. Only delegates may vote in a committee meeting.

Bill Assignments

Committee	Room	Bill/Resolution
A – Legal/Revenue and Tax	149	Bill No. 01 Bill No. 09 Bill No. 10 Bill No. 11 Bill No. 14 Resolution No. 01
B – Aging Services	138	Bill No. 02 Bill No. 05 Bill No. 06 Bill No. 13 Bill No. 15 Resolution No. 04
C – Long Term Care	130	Bill No. 04 Bill No. 12 Bill No. 18 Bill No. 19 Resolution No. 02 Resolution No. 05
D – Senior Centers	151	Bill No. 03 Bill No. 07 Bill No. 08 Bill No. 16 Bill No. 17 Resolution No. 03

Legislative Sponsors

Sponsors of Legislation

During Committee Meetings

Attend the committee in which your legislation has been assigned. Be prepared to provide a summary and speak in support of your bill/resolution. Amendments may be made to any legislation. If there are similar pieces, a sponsor can choose to have theirs withdrawn. Their name can then be added to the other bill/resolution.

During Opening Session

The sponsors name will be read as part of the first and second readings of the bills and resolutions. Sponsors are not required to speak during this Opening Session. The first delegate listed will be considered the primary sponsor of the legislation.

During the House Session

The Speaker of the House will lead sponsors through this process.

If a bill/resolution receives a “do not pass” in the committee, it is dead and will not be brought up again.

If a “do pass” or a “do pass as amended” is received, the primary sponsor will be called on to speak and explain its content. When called upon, the sponsor will speak from the microphone in the “well,” located in front of the delegates.

If an amendment has been proposed in committee and receives a “do pass as amended,” it will be scheduled for a second reading for the purpose of being amended and the sponsor will be asked to explain the amendment. A separate vote will be taken on the amendment before the bill/resolution is considered.

The legislation will then be scheduled for a third and final reading. Another explanation from the sponsor will be needed. Remarks should be concise and brief because many bills and resolutions have to be considered in a short period of time. Other delegates will be given an opportunity to speak at the “well” in support or in opposition. The Sponsor should remain at the “well” to answer questions until there is a “close for the bill.”

Session Procedures

General Procedures

Recognition

A member must receive recognition from the Speaker before conducting any formal business in the House. The proper method to achieve recognition is to stand and raise your hand. Members often will raise the microphone at their desk, sometimes even waving it to attract the Speaker's attention.

The microphone will not be activated until the Speaker formally recognizes the member to speak. You will be recognized according to the name on the desk at which you are seated. If, for example, you are seated at the desk of Representative Mark Pate, the Speaker will recognize you as "Mr. Pate."

At the proper time, the Speaker will ask the nature of the inquiring member's request. It may be to ask questions of the sponsor of the bill, to make a parliamentary motion, or to request to speak for or against a bill.

Lines of Communication

To maintain order in the House, all formal communications are strictly controlled. They are as follows:

- From the Speaker to a member at his/her desk
- From the Speaker to a member in the well of the House
- From a member at his/her desk to the Speaker
- From a member at his/her desk to the member in the well of the House
- And from a member at the well of the House to the entire membership

Explaining a Bill

When a bill comes up for consideration, the Speaker recognizes its sponsor who should move to the "well of the House" — the lectern at the center of the Chamber. The sponsor usually will then explain the bill and answer questions about it from the Floor.

Asking Questions

Questions about legislation are posed by members from their seats in the Chamber. When the Speaker recognizes a member to ask questions, members should confine their remarks to questions only. Do not, at this point, debate the pros or cons of an issue. Keep your questions short and to the point because others may have questions as well.

Debating a Bill

Points during debate of a bill are made from the "well of the House." Members wishing to debate, first must seek recognition from the Speaker and ask to speak either "for" or "against" a bill. Both sides alternate turns at the lectern. Once everyone has been given a

chance to speak, the issue will be voted on by the full House. On some issues, debate may be limited to a specified time. This may be necessary to conduct all business of the day.

Making Motions

During the course of legislative deliberations, members may want to make parliamentary motions; for example, to amend a bill or limit debate on an issue. As with any other House action, members wishing to make motions must first obtain recognition from the Speaker. Some motions are debatable; others are not. Ask for help, if needed, in formulating your motions to achieve the legislative results you desire.

Voting

Follow the directions of the Speaker in voting on any motion or issue before the House. Voice votes will be used first during the Silver Haired Legislative Session. If the Speaker can't determine the outcome based on a voice vote, he will call for a show of hands, or those for and against to stand. Please cooperate until all votes are counted.

The Silver Haired Legislative Session House of Representatives offers an excellent opportunity to participate in legislative procedures in the setting where Arkansas lawmakers debate and vote on the laws of our state. Enjoy the moment and learn all you can about the process!

Additional Information

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Lodging

For those staying overnight, lodging will be at the Wyndham Hotel in North Little Rock, telephone: (501) 371-9000 (directions attached). At checkout the delegate must pay telephone bills, room service, and other incidentals charged to the room. Please check out of the hotel before you leave to attend the opening session of the SHLS on August 21st. You may leave your car in the hotel parking lot until the session is over.

Reception

Delegates, alternates, spouses, and guests are invited to a reception at the Governor's Mansion on August 20th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. In your honor, this reception is sponsored by the Arkansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Ramsey, Krug, Farrell & Lensing: Risk Management Resources Division.

Meals

Dinner: Many delegates find the food at the August 20th reception sufficient for the evening meal. However, delegates who eat at a restaurant after the reception will be reimbursed depending on their specific per diem. A receipt for the meal must be provided to the Area Agency on Aging when filing a travel expense form. Delegates may dine at the restaurant of their choice.

Breakfast: Breakfast will be served in the Ballroom of the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel beginning at 6:45 a.m. on the morning of August 21st. A breakfast ticket is stapled to the delegate packet. The cost of breakfast for anyone who is not a delegate or AAA staff is \$13.00. Breakfast tickets and cash (for individuals other than delegates or AAA staff) will be collected at the entrance to the breakfast.

Lunch: Lunch will be provided to the delegates, alternates, and staff August 20th and 21st on the 2nd Floor Rotunda. The Sponsors are AT&T, AEP-SWEPCO, and AARP Arkansas. There is also a snack bar on the 3rd floor and a cafeteria in the basement for others to buy lunch.

Transportation to the State Capitol and Reception

For SHLS participants staying at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, transportation will be provided to the State Capitol and Governor's Mansion on August 20th and August 21st.

On August 20th buses to the State Capitol will depart the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel at 11:30 a.m. Buses will then transport from the State Capitol back to the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel at 3:45 p.m. Transportation to the Governor's Mansion will be at 4:50 p.m. and return at 7:00 p.m.

Buses to the State Capitol on August 21st will depart the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel at 8:00 a.m. Buses will depart the State Capitol at 3:30 p.m. to return to the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel.

Locating the House of Representatives

When entering the State Capitol, locate the elevators just off the rotunda at the East entrance. Staff members will be at the various entrances to assist with directions. Take an elevator to the third floor and proceed to the House of Representatives, located on the North end of the State Capitol. For purposes of reference, the North end of the State Capitol is towards the Arkansas River.

Admission to the House of Representatives

Absolutely no food or drink is allowed in the House Chamber.

The “DELEGATE” ribbon allows admission into the House of Representatives Chamber. It must be visible at all times in order to identify the SHLS delegates. Only staff, members of the press, members of the General Assembly, and SHLS delegates will be allowed inside the House Chamber while the SHLS is in session.

Alternates and Observers

Alternates, guests, and spectators should go to the 4th floor to observe from the gallery, which is located on the North end of the State Capitol. Doors to the gallery are located on the East and West side of the 4th floor.

During the committee meetings, alternates may sit in observer seats in the committee rooms. Only delegates sit at the tables with microphones.

Lunch will be provided for delegates and alternates, as previously described.

Special Tip

The marble floors and steps in the Capitol may be slippery and hard. Low heeled, comfortable shoes with rubber soles are recommended.

Transportation Schedule

Wednesday, August 20

Depart Wyndham Riverfront Hotel 11:30 a.m.

Travel to the Arkansas State Capitol

Depart Arkansas State Capitol 3:45 p.m.

Travel to the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel

Depart Wyndham Riverfront Hotel 4:50 p.m.

Travel to the Governor's Mansion

Depart Governor's Mansion 7:00 p.m.

Travel to the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel

Thursday, August 21

Depart Wyndham Riverfront Hotel 8:00 a.m.

Travel to the Arkansas State Capitol

Depart Arkansas State Capitol 3:30 p.m.

Delegates Travel to the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel

Glossary of Parliamentary Terms

Act

A bill passed by the Legislature.

Adjournment

Termination of a meeting.

Adjournment Sine Die

Final adjournment of the Legislature.

Adoption

Approval or acceptance; usually applied to amendments, resolutions, or motions.

Amendment

Proposal to change the text of a bill after it has been introduced.

Bill

A proposed law, introduced during a session for consideration by the Legislature.

Chair

The current presiding officer, usually in the context of a committee hearing.

Chamber

The Assembly where floor sessions are held.

Coauthor

A member whose name is added to a bill as a coauthor by amending the bill, usually indicating support for the proposal.

Convene

To assemble a meeting.

Do Pass

Motion that, if adopted by a committee, moves a bill to the floor.

Do Pass As Amended

Committee motion that a bill be passed with the recommendation that the floor adopt specified amendments.

Expunge

A motion by which an action taken in a floor session is deleted.

First Reading

Each bill introduced must be read three times before final passage. The first reading of a bill occurs when it is introduced.

Floor

(1) The Assembly.

(2) The term used to describe the location of a bill or the type of session, connoting action to be taken by the house.

Germaneness

Referring to the legislative rule requirement that an amendment to a bill be relevant to the subject matter of the bill as introduced.

Held in Committee

Status of a bill that fails to receive sufficient affirmative votes to pass out of committee.

Lay On The Table

A motion to temporarily postpone consideration of a matter, such that the matter may later be brought up for consideration by a motion to "take from the table."

Motion

A formal proposal for action during a committee hearing or floor session.

Out of Order

A parliamentary ruling by the presiding officer that a matter is not, at that time, appropriate for consideration by the body.

Pass on File

An author of a bill may choose to "pass on file," thus temporarily giving up his or her opportunity to take up a measure on the floor.

Passage

Adoption of a measure by the Assembly.

Point of Order

A request that the presiding officer remedy a breach of order of the rules.

Point of Personal Privilege

Assertion by a Member that his or her rights, reputation, or conduct have been impugned, entitling the Member to repudiate the allegations.

Postpone

A motion to delay action.

Presiding

Managing the proceedings during a floor session.

Previous Question

If a Member seeks to cut off all further debate on a measure, he or she may call the previous question to seek to compel the body to vote immediately on the issue.

Quorum

A simple majority of the membership of a committee or the Assembly; the minimum number of legislators needed to begin conducting official business.

Reading

Presentation of a bill before the house by reading its number, author, and title. A bill is on either first, second, or third reading until it is passed by both houses.

Recess

An official pause in a committee hearing or floor session that halts the proceedings for a period of time but does not have the finality of adjournment.

Reconsideration

A motion giving the opportunity to take another vote on a matter previously decided in a committee hearing or floor session.

Rescind

A motion to revoke an action previously taken.

Second Reading

Each bill introduced must be read three times before final passage. Second reading occurs after a bill has been reported to the floor from committee.

Session

The period during which the Legislature meets.

Speaker

The presiding officer of the Assembly.

Third Reading

Each bill introduced must be read three times before final passage. Third reading occurs when the measure is about to be taken up on the floor for final passage.

Title

The material on the first page of a bill that identifies the provisions of law affected by the bill and the subject matter of the bill.

Voice Vote

A vote that requires only an oral "aye" or "no," with no official count taken. The presiding officer determines whether the "ayes" or "noes" carry.

Order of Priority of Common Motions

- 1. Motion to Recess or Adjourn**
 - Majority of Quorum
 - Non-Debatable
- 2. Postpone Temporarily**
 - Majority of Quorum
 - Non-Debatable
- 3. Immediate Consideration**
 - 2/3 of Quorum
 - Non-Debatable
- 4. Limit Debate (Specified Time)**
 - 2/3 of Quorum
 - Non-Debatable
- 5. Motion to Expunge**
 - 2/3 of Quorum
 - Debatable
- 6. Motion to Reconsider**
 - Majority of Quorum
 - Debatable
- 7. Motion to Refer**
 - Majority of Quorum
 - Debatable
- 8. Motion to Amend**
 - Majority of Quorum
 - Debatable
- 9. Special Order of Business**
 - 2/3 of Quorum
 - Debatable
- 10. Suspend the Rules**
 - 2/3 of Quorum
 - Non-Debatable

Appendix A

Bills and Resolutions

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAired BILL NO: 01

4 COMMITTEE: A – Legal/Revenue & Tax

5
6 BY: *Marjorie L. Hart, Buddy Lyle, and Sam Steele*

7 (REGION I – AAA OF NORTHWEST AR)

8
9 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE BILL To*
10 **EXEMPT ARKANSANS AGE 72 AND**
11 **OLDER WITH AN INCOME OF \$30,000 OR**
12 **LESS FROM PAYMENT OF STATE**
13 **INCOME TAX**
14

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
16 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

17
18 WHEREAS, there are older Arkansans who are impacted by rising food,
19 fuel, heating, and other living costs; and

20
21 WHEREAS, in as much as too often senior citizens are forced to make a
22 choice between purchasing food, filling prescriptions, or heating and cooling
23 their home, this would take an additional burden off Arkansans 72 and older.
24 This exemption would not significantly reduce the State of Arkansas’
25 received income;

- 1 THEREFORE, be it resolved by the 2008 Silver Haired Legislative Session
- 2 of the State of Arkansas, that this exemption be enacted to benefit our aging
- 3 population.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAired BILL NO: 02

4 COMMITTEE: B – Aging Services

6 BY: *Troy Creamer, Nita Holley, and Daniel Miller*

7 (REGION I – AAA OF NORTHWEST AR)

9 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE BILL To*
10 **OBTAIN STATE FUNDING FOR THE**
11 **OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM AND**
12 **INCREASED STAFFING**

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

17 WHEREAS, there is a shortage of staffing in Arkansas' Long Term Care
18 Ombudsman Program; and

20 WHEREAS, Arkansas is one of the few states which does not provide state
21 funding for this program; and

23 WHEREAS, this lack of funding results in a shortage of staff for adequate
24 investigations of concerns or abuse for the Long Term Care Ombudsman
25 Program; and

1 WHEREAS, our elderly in long term care facilities are our frailest and most
2 vulnerable citizens;

3

4 THEREFORE, be it resolved by the 2008 Silver Haired Legislative Session
5 of the State of Arkansas, that funds be enacted to achieve appropriate
6 staffing and educational outreach to increase public awareness. We request
7 a 1% tax to be charged on bottled water to fund this increase.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAIRED LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAIRED BILL NO: 03

4 COMMITTEE: D – Senior Centers

5
6 BY: *Eugene Davis, Willa Sturdevant, Doris Anderson, and Billie Yates*
7 (REGION I – AAA OF NORTHWEST AR)

8
9 *A SILVER HAIRED LEGISLATIVE BILL TO*
10 **PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR**
11 **SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTERS**
12

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAIRED LEGISLATURE OF THE
14 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

15
16 WHEREAS, there are 491,409 Arkansas residents who are 60 years old or
17 older, as verified by the 2000 census, not including projected increases; and
18

19 WHEREAS, there has been no increase in funding for senior activity centers
20 in the past five years to keep up with inflation and the current rapidly
21 increasing costs associated with the soaring price of oil; and
22

23 WHEREAS, the increase in the minimum wage has put additional strain on
24 senior activity centers' budgets; and

1 WHEREAS, an increase in funding is a must for senior activity centers in
2 the State of Arkansas to continue providing the present level of services for
3 our oldest citizens. The senior center services, which include home
4 delivered meals, transportation, and socialization are vital to seniors' health
5 and well-being.

6
7 THEREFORE, be it resolved by the 2008 Silver Haired Legislative Session
8 of the State of Arkansas, that an increase in funding for senior activity
9 centers be enacted in order to maintain the present level of service. We
10 request a 1% tax on bottled water to fund this increase.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAIRED LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAIRED BILL NO: 04

4 COMMITTEE: C – Long Term Care

5
6 BY: *Harriet Raley, Erleen Sawyer, Joyce Hancock, Arlene Carlson, and*
7 *Ellen Whittington*

8 (REGION II – WHITE RIVER AAA)

9
10 *A SILVER HAIRED LEGISLATIVE BILL To*
11 **INCREASE THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE**
12 **FOR IN-HOME SERVICE UNITS**
13

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAIRED LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

16
17 WHEREAS, the Area Agencies on Aging around the state are the largest
18 single employer of home care aides to provide in-home services and must
19 provide quality care; and

20
21 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the State of Arkansas to provide quality in
22 home care and pay an adequate wage and fringe benefits to home care
23 workers; and

24
25 WHEREAS, studies have indicated it is more cost effective to care for
26 individuals in their own homes and older persons and their families want to
27 choose this option which is further verified by the fact that nursing home

1 admissions have decreased by 8% between 1996 and 2006 in the State of
2 Arkansas; and

3
4 WHEREAS, currently the Medicaid reimbursement system for in-home
5 services in Arkansas provides a low reimbursement rate that makes it
6 difficult for Home Care agencies to provide adequate transportation
7 reimbursement, health insurance, and retirement benefits for home care
8 workers; and

9
10 WHEREAS, Arkansas has instituted a mandatory Long Term Care Options
11 Counseling Program for the State without a plan to assure quality care
12 through an adequately paid home care workforce; and

13
14 WHEREAS, studies demonstrate that the need for home care workers will
15 increase more than 50% over the next 20 years, especially in Arkansas; and

16
17 WHEREAS, in-home service programs have had only one Medicaid rate
18 increase in the last 12 years; and

19
20 WHEREAS, the present wages for in home service programs must include
21 administrative costs and funds for operations and supplies.

22
23 THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the 2008 Arkansas Silver Haired
24 Legislative Session of 2008, unite with Partners-in-Planning to request the
25 State to increase the reimbursement rate for Medicaid Personal
26 Care/Elderchoices in home services to \$16.76 per hour and build into the
27 rate an annual increase based on the national inflation rate to assure that a
28 quality home care workforce is maintained.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAIRE*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAIRE

4 COMMITTEE: B – Aging Services

6 BY: *Willa Wells, Ellar Vann, Mary Welch, and Joyce Rand*

7 (REGION II – WHITE RIVER AAA)

9 *A SILVER HAIRE*

10 **INCREASE STATE AGING FUNDING TO**
11 **THE AREA AGENCIES ON AGING BY \$1.8**
12 **MILLION EACH YEAR AND TO PROVIDE**
13 **FOR ANNUAL INFLATION ADJUSTMENT**
14 **ON ALL STATE AGENCY SERVICES**
15 **FUNDING**

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAIRE LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

20 WHEREAS, funding has not increased significantly for allocation to Area
21 Agencies on Aging in fifteen years; it has not kept up with the cost of living
22 or the demands made by the rapidly increasing populations of citizens over
23 60.

25 THEREFORE, be it resolved by the 2008 Silver Haired Legislative Session
26 of the State of Arkansas that an increase in funding, in the amount of \$1.8
27 million, from the State General Revenue Funds, be appropriated to achieve
28 adequate funding and staffing to meet the critical needs of the elderly.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAired BILL NO: 06

4 COMMITTEE: B – Aging Services

6 BY: *Jim Bellcock, Jack Harris, and L.J. Sawyer*

7 (REGION II – WHITE RIVER AAA)

9 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE BILL To*
10 **PROVIDE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
11 **FOR SENIORS IN ARKANSAS**

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
14 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

16 WHEREAS, Arkansans have been hit unusually hard this year with
17 tornadoes and floods, the need for emergency housing for seniors has been
18 critical in our State; and

20 WHEREAS, there is great awareness of this need; Arkansas should identify
21 state, local and U.S. Government properties that can be used to assist in
22 providing low cost senior emergency living housing according to need.

24 THEREFORE, an appropriation of \$12 million in General Improvement
25 Funds are set aside annually to provide emergency housing for seniors and
26 for the construction of low cost Assisted Living Facilities.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAired BILL NO: 07

4 COMMITTEE: D – Senior Centers

5
6 BY: *Dewery Watkins, Kathryn Dust, Loretta Echols, Bob Nall, and Kay*
7 *Robertson*

8 (REGION III – AAA OF EAST AR)

9
10 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE BILL To*
11 **APPROPRIATE \$10 MILLION TO ADDRESS**
12 **THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM OF**
13 **SENIOR CITIZENS, ESPECIALLY**
14 **INCLUDING THOSE IN RURAL AREAS**
15 **WHO NEED TRANSPORTATION TO**
16 **RECEIVE NEEDED SERVICES**
17

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

20
21 WHEREAS, there is an increasing number of persons nearing or at
22 retirement age. Some choose not to drive, while others are unable to drive.
23 Many of these individuals live in rural areas that have no public
24 transportation; and

25
26 WHEREAS, as smaller communities consolidate and close local government
27 offices and hospitals, and physicians relocate to large populated areas, fewer
28 and fewer individuals have access to these much needed services; and

1 WHEREAS, for many the cost to maintain and operate a personal vehicle is
2 cost-prohibitive. For others who have resources, the availability of public
3 transportation does not exist. To increase funding for this service would
4 allow more seniors to remain in their homes.

5

6 THEREFORE, transportation services shall be funded by an annual usage
7 fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) on all ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) and Personal
8 Water Craft Vehicles (Jet Skis). One Dollar (\$1.00) to be allocated for
9 enforcement of said Bill.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAired BILL NO: 08

4 COMMITTEE: D – Senior Centers

5
6 BY: *Betty Shrable, A.J. Henry, Jr., Dona Holmes, Freda Mark, and Ellen*
7 *Wheeler*

8 (REGION III – AAA OF EAST AR)

9
10 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE BILL To*
11 **INCREASE FUNDING FOR SENIOR ADULT**
12 **CARE**
13

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

16
17 SECTION 1. WHEREAS, there has been no rate increase in Medicaid
18 service rates for some of these programs since 1990. The Federal Minimum
19 Wage, presently at \$6.55, will increase to \$7.25 in July of 2009 necessating
20 a cut in services; unless a rate increase is allowed; and

21
22 WHEREAS, it is difficult for agencies to provide much needed services
23 under the present rate structure.

24
25 SECTION 2. WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas puts up approximately 27%
26 and the Federal Government matches with approximately 73%, it is certainly

1 advantageous for the State of Arkansas to take advantage of the Federal
2 Match in order to support these much needed and valuable services.

3

4 THEREFORE, be it resolved by the 2008 Silver Haired Legislative Session
5 of the State of Arkansas, that the present Medicaid service rates be increased
6 to the level of \$7.03 per meal for home delivered meals; \$7.68 per hour for
7 Adult Day Care, (Social); \$10.16 per hour for Adult Day Care (Health);
8 \$45.00 per hour for Targeted Case Management; \$16.76 per hour for
9 Personal Care, Homemaker, Adult Companion and In-Home Respite.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAired BILL NO: 09

4 COMMITTEE: A – Legal/Revenue and Tax

5
6 BY: *Vernon Coulter, William Townsend, Nancy Toon, Liz Ponder, Etoyle*
7 *Mouser, Bill Gibbs, Sally McGarity, Betty Horton, Eva Marie Pearson, H.O.*
8 *Gray, Mandy Alford, Gerald Andrews, Joann Kongenske, and Zola Bulloch*
9 (REGION IV – AAA OF SOUTHEAST AR)

10
11 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE BILL TO*
12 **REVISE THE INTRASTATE FUNDING**
13 **FORMULA TO STABILIZE FEDERAL AND**
14 **STATE FUNDS TO THE AREA AGENCIES**
15 **ON AGING**
16

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

19
20 WHEREAS, established services are in constant jeopardy when the 60+
21 population decrease in a service area; and
22

23 WHEREAS, the statewide funding formula is currently based on the 60+
24 population, with a small factor for minority and low income. Every year
25 when the census figures are updated, the funding formula is adjusted to
26 reflect shifts in population. For those AAAs with 60+ population decreases,
27 this results in cuts in all funding for essential services that are already in

1 place. Historically, the areas of the state with declining populations are also
2 the areas attempting to serve the poorest and most isolated older persons.

3

4 THEREFORE, to ensure a more constant distribution of federal and state
5 funds, we propose that the Fiscal Year 2009 funding formula percentages be
6 used for allocation of funds so that no AAA shall be allocated less than an
7 amount equal to the Fiscal Year 2009 formula distribution. Any new funds
8 received after Fiscal Year 2009 are to be allocated by the annual
9 recomputation of the intrastate funding formula. Any federal or statewide
10 cuts would be distributed according to this same formula. We additionally
11 propose that this hold harmless factor be re-evaluated at the beginning of
12 each 4-year Area Plan cycle.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAired BILL NO: 10

4 COMMITTEE: A – Legal/Revenue and Tax

5
6 BY: *Betty Horton, Eva Marie Pearson, Bill Gibbs, Liz Ponder, Nancy Toon,*
7 *William Townsend, Etoyle Mouser, H.O. Gray, and Zola Bulloch*
8 (REGION IV – AAA OF SOUTHEAST AR)

9
10 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE BILL To*
11 **GIVE MORE POWER TO ENFORCE**
12 **EXISITING CONSUMER PROTECTION**
13 **LAWS**
14

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
16 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

17
18 SECTION 1. WHEREAS, marketing of products and services to the public
19 occurs more frequently outside of a traditional office, often in an
20 individual’s home, over the telephone, through the mail, or over the Internet.
21 Deadlines to apply, enroll or order are often very short, with sales persons
22 wanting answers immediately.

23
24 SECTION 2. WHEREAS, older persons are often targeted by unscrupulous
25 individuals or companies for monetary gain. Loneliness, poor eyesight or
26 hearing, and general confusion can cause some individuals to sign up for
27 something not needed or that was not presented correctly.

- 1 THEREFORE, we propose stiffer penalties, improved coordination and
- 2 communication among enforcing agencies and additional public
- 3 education/awareness.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAired BILL NO: 11

4 COMMITTEE: A – Legal/Revenue and Tax

6 BY: *Joann Kongenske, Gerald Andrews, Bill Gibbs, and Liz Ponder*

7 (REGION IV – AAA OF SOUTHEAST AR)

9 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE BILL To*

10 **ALLOW FOR A TAX CREDIT FOR**
11 **GASOLINE ON INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX**
12 **FOR PERSONS 65 AND OVER**
13

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

16
17 WHEREAS, personal vehicle gasoline costs are spiraling out of control,
18 with no relief in sight; and

19
20 WHEREAS, older persons on fixed incomes are being unfairly impacted. In
21 addition to the cost of fuel, other factors such as living in a rural area, the
22 lack of public transportation and poor road conditions, contribute to a loss of
23 mobility.

24
25 THEREFORE, be it resolved that a tax credit for gasoline on individual
26 income tax for persons 65 and over be enacted.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAired BILL NO: 12

4 COMMITTEE: C – Long Term Care

5
6 BY: *Billie Jean Dougherty, Betty Magie, Betty Alspaugh, Bishop Kenneth*
7 *Hicks, Cecil Malone, Johnnie Pugh, Joe Heird, James Bradford, Ruby*
8 *James, Glen (Pete) Clements, and Willie Anderson*

9 (REGION V – AAA OF CENTRAL AR - CARELINK)

10
11 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE BILL To*
12 **INCREASE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT**
13 **RATES AS LISTED BELOW:**
14 • **HOME CARE, INCLUDING PERSONAL**
15 **CARE, HOMEMAKER, ADULT**
16 **COMPANION, AND IN-HOME**
17 **RESPIRE TO \$16.76 PER HOUR;**
18 • **TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT TO**
19 **\$45 PER HOUR;**
20 • **ADULT DAY CARE TO \$7.68 PER HOUR**
21 **(SOCIAL MODEL) AND \$10.16**
22 **(MEDICAL MODEL); AND**
23 • **HOME DELIVERED MEALS TO \$7.03**
24

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
26 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

27
28 SECTION 1. WHEREAS, people need the option to age in place and it
29 would be cost effective for the State to give Arkansas elders options that
30 allow them to remain in their own homes.

1 SECTION 2. WHEREAS, the long-term care financing and delivery system
2 is biased toward institutional care, ignoring both the preferences of older
3 people and the real savings that can be achieved by shifting from
4 institutional care to less expensive home-based or community-based
5 services.

6
7 SECTION 3. WHEREAS, the focus of available resources on care in the
8 most acute and expensive setting (the nursing home) minimizes personal
9 independence while maximizing cost. Only 29% of the Arkansas Medicaid
10 budget goes to home and community-based services.

11
12 SECTION 4. WHEREAS, the average annual cost per person for home care
13 in Arkansas is \$11,040 (\$920 a month) – compared to an annual cost of
14 \$41,975 for nursing home care (\$3450 a month for a semi-private room).

15
16 SECTION 5. WHEREAS, we cannot achieve an equitable balance between
17 Medicaid long-term care dollars used for institutional services and those
18 used for community-based supports without a larger direct-care workforce.

19
20 SECTION 6. WHEREAS, Arkansas cannot attract workers to provide
21 caregiving services unless we pay higher wages. An additional 41% of
22 home care aides will be needed over the next decade.

23
24 SECTION 7. WHEREAS, most of the home and community-based rates
25 have not been raised in many years, while nursing home rates are raised
26 every year. The Consumer Price Index for medical services has increased by

1 94%-127% since the rates were set for home delivered meals, adult day care,
2 and targeted case management.

3

4 THEREFORE, we submit a bill to increase state funding for the DHS budget
5 by \$5.6 million and increase the Medicaid reimbursement rates for In-Home
6 Respite, Adult Companion, Homemaker, Personal Care, Adult Day Care,
7 Adult Day Health Care, Targeted Case Management, and Home Delivered
8 Meals.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAired BILL NO: 13

4 COMMITTEE: B – Aging Services

5
6 BY: *Cecil Malone, James Bradford, Joe Heird, Billie Jean Dougherty, Ruby*
7 *James, Betty Magie, Betty Alspaugh, Johnnie Pugh, Bishop Kenneth Hicks,*
8 *Willie Anderson, and Glen (Pete) Clements*

9 (REGION V – AAA OF CENTRAL AR - CARELINK)

10
11 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE BILL To*
12 **CREATE A “SILVER ALERT” SYSTEM**

13
14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

16
17 SECTION 1. WHEREAS, the Amber Alert Program, administered by law
18 enforcement, has so successfully galvanized entire communities in assisting
19 in the search for and the safe recovery of abducted children.

20
21 SECTION 2. WHEREAS, six in ten people with Alzheimer’s disease will
22 wander, placing them at increased risk of injury or death.

23
24 SECTION 3. WHEREAS, quickly finding missing and/or endangered
25 seniors, adults with cognitive impairment like Alzheimer’s disease or
26 dementia and/or adults with disabilities, is in the public interest.

1 SECTION 4. WHEREAS, those states that have enacted similar legislation
2 have done so with either no or nominal fiscal impact to the state.

3

4 THEREFORE, be it resolved by the 2008 Silver Haired Legislative Session
5 of Arkansas, that a Silver Alert should be adopted that includes the
6 following: (1) Covers both adults suffering from dementia or other
7 cognitive impairments and people with disabilities, (2) Allows the parent,
8 spouse, legal guardian or legal custodian to report a missing person, and (3)
9 Provides for immediate reports and issuance of local area alerts within a few
10 hours.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAired BILL NO: 14

4 COMMITTEE: A – Legal/Revenue and Tax

5
6 BY: *Raymond Phillips, Eugene Pillard, Frankie Jarvis, Vonda Cranford,*
7 *Lexine Holley, Christine Williams, and Thelma Clark*
8 (REGION VI – AAA OF WEST CENTRAL AR)

9
10 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE BILL To*
11 **PROVIDE FUNDING FOR DENTAL,**
12 **HEARING, AND EYE CARE SERVICES FOR**
13 **SENIOR CITIZENS WHO ARE RECIPIENTS**
14 **OF MEDICARE AND MEDICAID AND WHO**
15 **ARE BELOW 150% OF THE**
16 **POVERTY LEVEL**
17

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

20
21 WHEREAS, Senior Citizens on Medicare and Medicaid are not covered by
22 these services, many Seniors are in poor health for lack of this necessary
23 health care;

24
25 WHEREAS, in as much as too often Senior Citizens are forced to make a
26 choice between food and shelter and these above services.

27
28 THEREFORE, we submit a Silver Haired Legislative Bill financed by the
29 rate of 1 cent per 16 ounce of bottled water collected by the bottler.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAired BILL NO: 15

4 COMMITTEE: B – Aging Services

5
6 BY: *William Rhoades, Norma McLain, Billy Stone, Bobby Moore, and*
7 *Jeanice Adams*

8 (REGION VI – AAA OF WEST CENTRAL AR)

9
10 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE BILL To*
11 **INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE AREA**
12 **AGENCIES ON AGING**
13

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

16
17 SECTION 1. WHEREAS, there has been no rate increases in Area Agency
18 formats since as early 1990 in some areas and none later than 2004 and in
19 line with the increased costs in all areas, funding to all areas must be
20 addressed. Costs have grown with inflation and funding has remained at
21 1990 levels.

22
23 SECTION 2. WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State for growth
24 and service to its citizens to not only explore, but fund all of these services
25 to care for our seniors now and in our future. Failure to address reality will
26 result in lost population and injury to present programs.

- 1 THEREFORE, funding for all programs should be addressed in programs
- 2 that have revenue such as State Surplus Funds, New Lottery Funds and
- 3 Taxation.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAired BILL NO: 16

4 COMMITTEE: D – Senior Centers

5
6 BY: *Sudie E. Jones, Betty Williams, Oris Thornton, Betty Mitchell, Shirley*
7 *Reed, Vivian Wright, Lois Marie Meekins, Albert Cooper, William L.*
8 *Costley, Jr., Jean Killian, Edward Parham, Rev. Charles Ward, George*
9 *Straughter, Vernell Loe, and Elizabeth Costley*

10 (REGION VII – AAA OF SOUTHWEST AR)

11
12 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE BILL TO*
13 **INCREASE FUNDING FOR ARKANSAS**
14 **SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS AND FOR**
15 **OTHER PURPOSES**
16

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

19
20 SECTION 1. WHEREAS, Arkansas Senior Citizen Centers serve more than
21 200 cities, towns and communities in the State and provide multiple services
22 including material aid, congregate meals, home delivered meals,
23 transportation, socialization, day care, information and assistance, fitness
24 activities, health and nutritional screening, volunteer opportunities, safety
25 education, and many others. The demand for Senior Center services is
26 greater than current budgets can support, and demand is expected to increase
27 significantly from the present time through 2030. The U.S. Bureau of

1 Census projects that Arkansans aged 65 years and older will grow to
2 731,000 by 2025.

3

4 SECTION 2. WHEREAS, current budgets are not adequate to meet current
5 demand for Senior Centers services, rapidly increasing costs for staff, food
6 and fuel, coupled with increasing demand, threatens the viability of the
7 entire senior center service system. Significant funding increases are
8 required to stabilize Senior Citizen Centers services and to begin to provide
9 for the growing demand.

10

11 THEREFORE, the General Assembly should increase funding for Senior
12 Citizen Centers services by \$10,000,000 each year of the biennium. This
13 appropriation will stabilize the Senior Centers of the State and provide
14 services to approximately 5,000 more senior citizens.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAIRED LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAIRED BILL NO: 17

4 COMMITTEE: D – Senior Centers

5
6 BY: *William Costley, Jr., Jean Killian, Edward Parham, Rev. Charles*
7 *Ward, George Straughter, and Vernell Loe*
8 (REGION VII – AAA OF SOUTHWEST AR)

9
10 *A SILVER HAIRED LEGISLATIVE BILL TO*
11 **INCREASE FUNDING FOR**
12 **TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY**
13 **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR**
14 **SENIOR CITIZENS IN ARKANSAS AND**
15 **FOR OTHER PURPOSES**
16

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAIRED LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

19
20 SECTION 1. WHEREAS, reliable transportation services are necessary for
21 the independence of seniors. The community-based aging service network
22 provides such services for trips to medical facilities, necessary shopping,
23 Senior Citizen Centers, public and private services and other transportation
24 instrumental to daily living.

25
26 SECTION 2. WHEREAS, costs necessary to the provision of reliable
27 transportation have rapidly increased and resulted in a funding crisis for
28 community-based transportation providers. Equipment, labor, and fuel costs

1 have dramatically increased, and funding has not. This has resulted in
2 service cuts, which most often impact rural, low-income seniors, first.
3
4 THEREFORE, to relieve the impact of the funding crisis for community-
5 based transportation services for senior citizens with special attention to the
6 needs of rural, low-income seniors, the General Assembly should
7 appropriate \$5,000,000 in general revenue in the highest priority category.

1 *THE 2006 SILVER HAIRE*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAIRE

4 COMMITTEE: C – Long Term Care

6 BY: *Shirley Reed, Vivian Wright, Lois Marie Meekins, and Albert Cooper*

7 (REGION VII – AAA OF SOUTHWEST AR)

9 *A SILVER HAIRE*

10 **INCREASE THE UNIT RATE PAYMENTS**
11 **FOR MEDICAID IN-HOME AND**
12 **COMMUNITY-BASED LONG TERM CARE**
13 **SERVICES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAIRE LEGISLATURE OF THE
16 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

18 SECTION 1. WHEREAS, Arkansas Medicaid unit rate payments for in-
19 home and community-based long term care services are grossly inadequate
20 to recruit, train and retain adequate staff and meet service demand,
21 especially in rural areas with high travel expenses. Providers are unable to
22 staff authorized service plans, in many cases, if they cannot recruit an aide in
23 the client’s immediate area. The current rates will not permit the providers
24 to pay aides a living wage, reasonable fringe benefits and travel adequate to
25 cover their costs. Therefore, aides refuse to take cases that require much
26 travel and leave for better pay and benefits as soon as possible.

1 SECTION 2. WHEREAS, the low priority the Arkansas Department of
2 Human Services has attached to In-Home Services and community-based
3 long term care services is apparent in the rate history for these services. The
4 rate for Targeted Case Management has not been increased since 1990. The
5 rates for Elder Choices home delivered meals, Adult Day Care (Social) and
6 Adult Day Care (Health) have not been increased since 1992. Personal Care
7 In-Home Services and Elder Choices Homemaker, Adult Companion and In-
8 Home Respite Services have not had a rate increase since 2004.

9
10 SECTION 3. WHEREAS, it is estimated that \$5,616,186 in general revenue
11 would be required to provide the matching funds for the rate increases that
12 are needed now. The General Assembly should require the Arkansas
13 Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, to include the
14 needed funds in their budget requests presented in the 2008 budget hearings.
15 Further, the General Assembly should direct that rate increase requests be
16 submitted expeditiously to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
17 and that the Department of Human Services report progress regularly to the
18 Legislative Council until the rates are approved and implemented.

19
20 EMERGENCY CLAUSE: It is found and determined by the General
21 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
22 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
23 effectiveness of the Act on July 1, 2009 is essential to the operation of the
24 Agency for which the appropriations in the Act are provided, and that in the
25 event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay of the effective date
26 of this Act beyond July 1, 2009 could work irreparable harm upon the proper
27 administration and provision of essential governmental programs.

- 1 THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
- 2 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
- 3 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2009.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Bill**

3 SILVER HAired BILL NO: 19

4 COMMITTEE: C – Long Term Care

5
6 BY: *Bishop Kenneth Hicks, Johnnie Pugh, Joe Heird, James Bradford,*
7 *Ruby James, Billie Jean Dougherty, Betty Magie, Cecil Malone, Betty*
8 *Alspaugh, Glen (Pete) Clements, and Willie Anderson*
9 (REGION V – AAA OF CENTRAL AR - CARELINK)

10
11 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE BILL To*
12 **INCREASE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT**
13 **RATES FOR PERSONAL CARE,**
14 **HOMEMAKER, ADULT COMPANION, AND**
15 **IN-HOME RESPITE TO \$16.76 PER HOUR**
16

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

19
20 SECTION 1. WHEREAS, people need the option to age in place and it
21 would be cost effective for the State to give Arkansas elders options that
22 allow them to remain in their own homes.

23
24 SECTION 2. WHEREAS, the long-term care financing and delivery system
25 is biased toward institutional care, ignoring both the preferences of older
26 people and the real savings that can be achieved by shifting from
27 institutional care to less expensive home-based services.

1 SECTION 3. WHEREAS, the average annual cost per person for home care
2 in Arkansas is \$11,040 (\$920 a month) – compared to an annual cost of
3 \$41,975 for nursing home care (\$3450 a month for a semi-private room).

4
5 SECTION 4. WHEREAS, we cannot achieve an equitable balance between
6 Medicaid long-term care dollars used for institutional services and those
7 used for community-based supports without a larger direct-care workforce.

8
9 SECTION 5. WHEREAS, Arkansas cannot attract workers to provide
10 caregiving services unless we pay higher wages. An additional 41% of
11 home care aides will be needed over the next decade.

12
13 SECTION 6. WHEREAS, Home Care rates have not been raised since 2004
14 even though providers will have experienced three increases in the minimum
15 wage that total over \$2 per hour by July 2009. In addition, the cost of
16 gasoline further jeopardizes the recruitment and retention of home care
17 workers. Potential workers literally cannot afford the gasoline to drive to
18 clients' homes. As a result, older people are waiting for care that home care
19 agencies cannot staff.

20
21 SECTION 7. WHEREAS, when home care providers cannot hire or retain
22 workers, older people are forced into nursing homes for care at almost four
23 times the cost.

24
25 THEREFORE, we submit a bill to increase state funding for the DHS budget
26 by \$3.8 million and increase the Medicaid reimbursement rates for In-Home

- 1 Respite, Adult Companion, Homemaker, and Personal Care to \$16.76 an
- 2 hour.

1 THE 2008 SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION

2 **A Resolution**

3 SILVER HAired RESOLUTION NO: 01

4 COMMITTEE: C – Long Term Care

5
6 BY: *Mike Dunn, Mary Ann Arnold, Ted Ford, Leroy Williams, and Sam*
7 *Peoples*

8 (REGION III – EAST ARKANSAS AAA)

9
10 ***A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION To***
11 **ADOPT THE MEDICAID SERVICE RATE**
12 **AS PROPOSED TO THE 2009 ARKANSAS**
13 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
14

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
16 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

17
18 WHEREAS, the Consumer Price Index for medical care services has
19 increased by 93.8% to 126.98% since the rates were set for home delivered
20 meals, adult day care and targeted case management; and

21
22 WHEREAS, the Federal Minimum Wage has increased to \$6.55 and will
23 increase to \$7.75 in July 2009. This will increase the cost of these
24 programs; and

1 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas' cost of said increase is \$5.6 million, the
2 balance of the \$20.6 million increase will be funded by Federal Government
3 Matching Funds.

4

5 THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Arkansas State Legislature adopt the
6 requested rate increases for Medicaid Services Rates as proposed by the
7 Home and Community Based Care Committee of the Partners in Planning
8 Group.

1 *THE 2008 SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

2 **A Resolution**

3 SILVER HAired RESOLUTION NO: 02

4 COMMITTEE: C – Long Term Care

5
6 BY: *Wetzel LaGrone, Frankie Jarvis, Sylvia Stone, Marjorie Easley, and*
7 *James Cranford*

8 (REGION VI – AAA OF WEST CENTRAL AR)

9
10 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION*

11 **REGARDING MEDICAID**
12 **REIMBURSEMENT TO PROVIDERS OF IN-**
13 **HOME PERSONAL CARE FOR SENIOR**
14 **CITIZENS OF ARKANSAS**
15

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

18
19 WHEREAS, in home personal care is preferred by many senior citizens and
20 allows them to receive necessary care at a cost substantially less than the
21 cost of institutional care; and
22

23 WHEREAS, almost 5000 Home Care workers provide care in the home to
24 approximately 15,000 low income homebound and disabled elderly clients
25 on a daily basis in Arkansas; and
26

27 WHEREAS, the reimbursement rate to providers of in home personal care
28 has not been increased since 2004; and

1 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State to insure the availability of
2 in home services by increasing the Medicaid reimbursement rate to a level
3 which will compensate providers for their cost of providing service.

4

5 THEREFORE, be it resolved by the 2008 Silvered Haired Legislature that
6 the Arkansas Department of Human Services will increase the Medicaid
7 maximum 15 minute unit reimbursement rate for Personal Care Services,
8 ElderChoices Waiver Chore Services, ElderChoices Waiver Homemaker
9 Services, ElderChoices Waiver Respite In-Home Services, Alternatives
10 Waiver Agency Attendant Care Services, and ElderChoices Waiver Adult
11 Companion Services from \$3.46 to \$4.21.

2 **A Resolution**

3 SILVER HAIRE RESOLUTION NO: 03

4 COMMITTEE: D – Senior Centers

5
6 BY: *Fred Ladda, Virginia Ladda, Jim Lee, Vivian Lee, Muriel Lovell, June*
7 *Hardgrave, and Joy Elser*

8 (REGION VIII – AAA OF WESTERN AR)

9
10 *A SILVER HAIRE LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION TO*
11 **PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SENIOR**
12 **CITIZENS ACTIVITY CENTERS TO COVER**
13 **THE INCREASED COST OF GASOLINE,**
14 **FOOD, AND WAGES**
15

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SILVER HAIRE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

18
19 WHEREAS, since the ever increasing cost of food, oil, and the enacted
20 salary increases are rising at an accelerated rate of inflation; and

21
22 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has passed laws and provided funding for
23 the normal cost in operations; and

24
25 WHEREAS, the funding provided by the Arkansas State Legislature is no
26 longer adequate to meet these needs.

- 1 THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Arkansas State Legislature enact laws
- 2 to provide ways to meet these under funded costs.

2 **A Resolution**

3 SILVER HAired RESOLUTION NO: 04

4 COMMITTEE: B – Aging Services

5
6 BY: *Brenda Goodwin, Betty Bowlin, Vivian Lee, Richard Vernon, and*
7 *Pauline Smith*

8 (REGION VIII – AAA OF WESTERN AR)

9
10 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION To*
11 **PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STATEWIDE**
12 **FUNDING TO EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS**
13 **THAT PROVIDE WEATHERIZATION**
14 **AND/OR UTILITY ASSISTANCE TO THE**
15 **AGED POPULATION**
16

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

19
20 WHEREAS, the problem exists in the State of Arkansas that the current
21 funding is inadequate to meet the increasing needs of the aged population for
22 assistance with weatherization and/or utility assistance; and

23
24 WHEREAS, many organizations that provide these services no longer have
25 funds available by mid-year.

- 1 THEREFORE, be it resolved by the 2008 Silver Haired Legislature that the
- 2 Arkansas State Legislature increase funding from current resources to these
- 3 existing organizations.

2 **A Resolution**

3 SILVER HAired RESOLUTION NO: 05

4 COMMITTEE: C – Long Term Care

5
6 BY: *Betty Bowlin, Muriel Lovell, Delores Bates, Pauline Smith, and Lisa*
7 *Richardson*

8 (REGION VIII – AAA OF WESTERN AR)

9
10 *A SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION To*
11 **INCREASE MEDICAID PERSONAL CARE**
12 **AND ELDER CHOICE REIMBURSEMENT**
13 **TO LICENSED PROVIDERS TO BE ABLE**
14 **TO PAY HOME HEALTH AIDES**
15 **HIGHER WAGES, BENEFITS, AND GAS**
16 **REIMBURSEMENTS SO AS TO RETAIN A**
17 **MORE STABLE WORKFORCE SO THAT**
18 **OLDER INDIVIDUALS CAN STAY IN**
19 **THEIR HOMES**
20

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE OF THE
22 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

23
24 WHEREAS, the problem exists that licensed providers are currently unable
25 to provide adequate wages, benefits or gasoline reimbursement to obtain and
26 retain a stable workforce to meet the needs of the aged population so that
27 older individuals may remain in their homes.

- 1 THEREFORE, be it resolved by the 2008 Silver Haired Legislature that the
- 2 State of Arkansas increase funding to licensed providers to meet these unmet
- 3 needs.